



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire fee title to approximately 23 acres of private land located just south of Woodworth Road (southeast of the town of Seeley Lake in Missoula County) and adjacent to FWP's Blackfoot Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (BCWMA,). The purpose is to protect wetlands and a travel corridor for wildlife, block up the northern boundary of the WMA, and enhance compatible recreational opportunities and access for the public. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared describing this proposal.

FWP will hold a public hearing in Seeley Lake on March 15 (Wednesday) at 6:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Center (east side of MT Highway 83, immediately north of the town of Seeley Lake) to discuss the proposed acquisition, answer questions, and take public comment.

The EA may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning March 3).

Comments may be made on FWP's website (webpage above) or may be directed to Sharon Rose at the mail, phone or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2017.

As part of the decision-making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition proposals, and FWP will ask the Commission to render its decision at a Commission meeting soon after. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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